New Charges in JFK 'Plot'

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NEW ORLEANS, April 25 (UPI) — The Saturday Evening Post said yesterday Perry R. Russo, Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's star witness, had to be "prompted" under drugs and hypnosis before he went into court to testify about a "plot" he witnessed to assassinate President Kennedy.

And in Columbus, O., Gordon Novel, a former New Orleans night club owner Mr. Garrison says is a material witness, accused Mr. Garrison of planning to brainwash the late David W. Ferrie to make him confess to complicity. An assistant district attorney in New Orleans promptly denied the Saturday Evening Post story as "Half Truths."

Mr. Russo testified at a preliminary hearing last month for Clay L. Shaw, who is charged with conspiring to kill President Kennedy.

Mr. Novel said Mr. Garrison planned to shoot "an atrophine dart" into the unsuspecting Ferrie in order to smuggle him away, give him sodium pentathol "truth serum" and question him until he confessed.